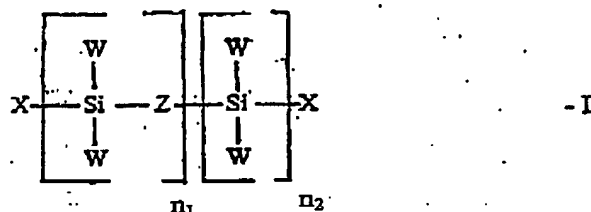


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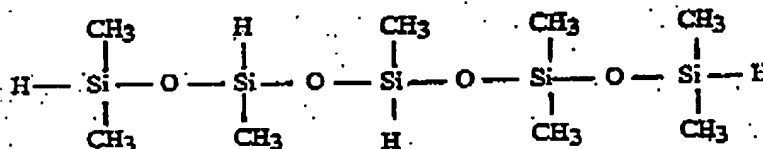
Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously amended) A branched copolymer of a polyolefin and a silicone polymer which is produced by melt phase reactive extrusion hydrosilylation.
2. (Original) The copolymer of claim 1 wherein said silicone polymer is a polysilane of the Formula I:



wherein X is an organic end group, W is an organic or inorganic group, with X and W being selected such that the polysilane contains at least two Si-H groups and sufficient to provide a branched structure, and n_1 and n_2 are the number of repeating groups in the chain.

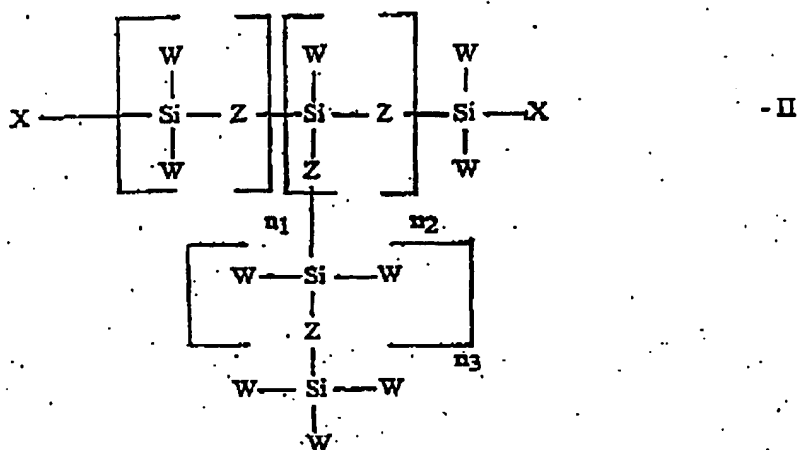
3. (Original) The copolymer of claim 2 wherein said polysilane of formula I is a polyhydrosiloxane of the formula:



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4. (Original) The copolymer of claim 1 wherein said silicone polymer is a polysilane of the Formula II:

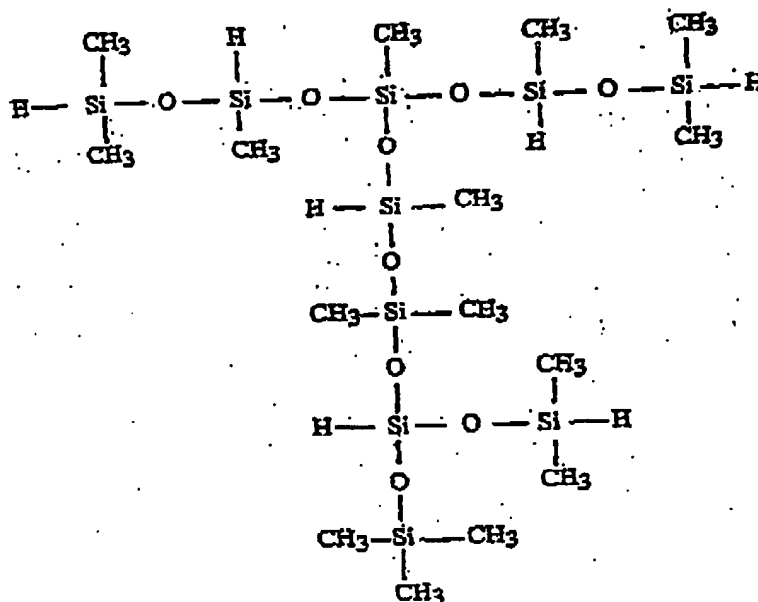


wherein X is an organic end group, W is an organic or inorganic group, with X and W being selected such that the polysilane contains at least two Si-H groups and sufficient to provide a branched structure, and n_1 , n_2 and n_3 are the number of repeating groups in the chain.

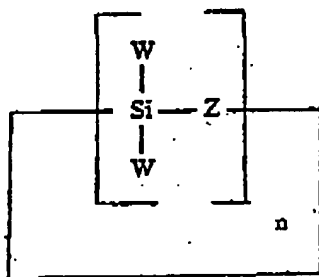
5. (Original) The copolymer of claim 4 wherein said polysilane of Formula II is a branched polyhydrosiloxane of the formula:

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6. (Original) The copolymer of claim 1 wherein said silane polymer is a polysilane of the formula III:



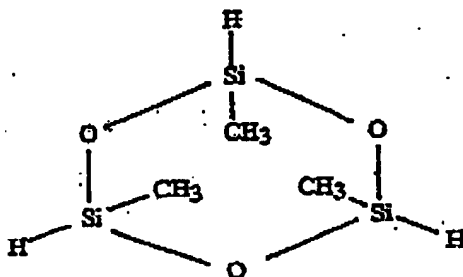
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wherein W is an organic or inorganic group selected such that the polysilane contains at least two Si-H groups and sufficient to provide a branched structure, and n is the number of repeating groups in the chain.

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7. (Original) The copolymer of claim 6 wherein said polysilane is a cyclic polyhydrosiloxane of the formula:



8. (Currently amended) A branched [[The]] copolymer of polypropylene (PP) and claim 1 wherein said silicone polymer is a methylhydrosiloxane-dimethylsiloxane random copolymer (MDMS), said copolymer being produced by melt phase hydrosilylation.

9. (Original) The copolymer of claim 8 wherein the ratio of PP to MDMS is such that the copolymer contains free Si-H groups.

10. (Original) The copolymer of claim 9 which is coupled, through free Si-H groups, to an inorganic filler, inorganic surface, a hydroxy-containing polymer, vinyl-containing polymer or other polymer containing functional groups reactive with free Si-H.

11. (Original) The copolymer of claim 10 wherein said coupling is effected by a hydrosilylation reaction or a dehydrogenerative coupling reaction.

12. (Original) The copolymer of claim 9 wherein the free Si-H groups are cross-linked.

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13. (Currently amended) The copolymer of claim 12 wherein free Si-H groups are converted ~~connected~~ into a Si-OH group by a metal-catalyzed reaction with water and subsequently dehydrogenatively coupling to a second Si-H group.
14. (Original) The copolymer of claim 12 wherein Si-H groups are reacted by dehydrogenative coupling.
15. (Original) The copolymer of claim 8 which is coupled to metallic, glass, ceramic or other vitreous surface.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Original) A process of forming a branched polypropylene, which comprises effecting melt phase hydrosilylation of a terminally-unsaturated polypropylene in the presence of a methylhydrosiloxane-dimethylsiloxane random copolymer (MDMS).
19. (Original) A process of forming a branched polypropylene, which comprises:
effecting hydrosilylation at a vinyl end of polypropylene with a trialkoxysilane to form a functionalized polymer, and
thereafter effecting post-reaction branching of the functionalized polymer by reacting Si-OR groups to form a Si-O-Si bridge.
20. (Previously added) The copolymer of claim 1 wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.
21. (Previously added) A process of forming a branched copolymer, which comprises:
treating a polyolefin with peroxide to provide terminal unsaturation, and
reacting the terminally-unsaturated polyolefin with a silicone polymer containing at least two Si-H groups in a melt phase reactive extrusion hydrosilylation reaction.

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22. (Previously added) The process of claim 21 wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.